CLIMATE DENIAL:

it's not about the science.

ideologies

Studies show ***right-wing*** ideology, ***individual*** and ***hierarchical*** values are linked to climate skepticism and denial. These relationships are most present in the ***United States***.

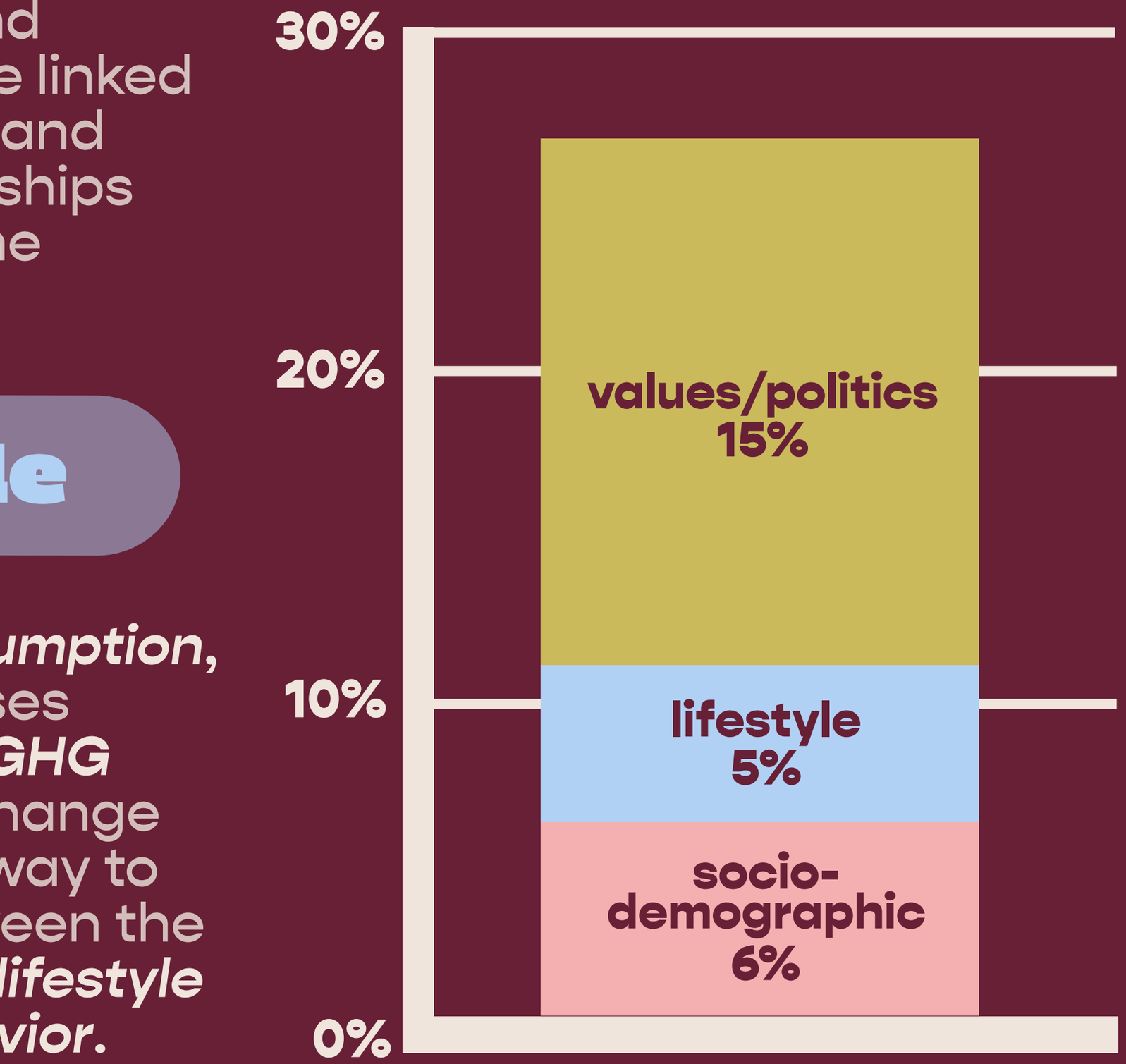
lifestyle

Through ***private consumption***, high-consuming classes contribute heavily to ***GHG emmisions***. Climate change skepticism may be a way to ***cope*** with a gap between the need to change their ***lifestyle*** and their actual ***behavior***.

conspiracy beliefs

Conspiracy beliefs are ***positively correlated*** with climate skepticism, and a general ***lack of trust*** in science (again, more prominently in the United States).

WHAT FACTORS BEST PREDICT CLIMATE CHANGE SKEPTICISM ?



emissions

Nations with higher per capita ***carbon emissions*** show stronger correlations between ***right-wing*** ideologies and climate skepticism.

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